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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Action dated January 16, 2008, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I, *without traverse*. Claims 1-8, 10, 12, 13, 19 and 21-24 read on the elected species.

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